

TODAY

Rockefeller Also Staggered.
He Will Recover His Balance.
A Love Pirate—New.
Harness the Potomac.

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AND
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CAPITOL LOOTED OF IMPORTANT PAPERS

CAPITOL CAN'T QUITE DECIDE ABOUT TITLE GIVEN GERARD

Whether or Not to Accept Honor
Bestowed by Britain at Cost
of Possible Political Future Is
Question.

By DAVID LAWRENCE.
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As if Washington does not have
enough to worry about!

Now it is puzzling its fevered head
over the title bestowed upon former
Ambassador James W. Gerard by
Great Britain. The very important
and exclusive prefix of Knight Com-
mander of the Bath, which gives a
man the right to be called "Sir,"

capital letters and all, is to be Mr.
Gerard's, hereafter, as a token of
appreciation for his efforts in behalf
of British prisoners while in Ger-
many.

English court experts say Mr.
Gerard cannot really assume the
"Sir" until he visits England and
receives the accolade in person from
the King, though foreigners some-
times wear the title anyway.

Officials Can't Accept?

But should an American diplomat
accept a title, and if he does, how
shall he wear it? While in the diplo-
matic service, of course, American
officials cannot accept gifts of any
kind from foreign governments. So,

as a rule, all sorts of things are piled
up in the State Department vaults
until such time as an ambassador or
minister resigns his post and can ac-
cept the "Sacred Order of the Rab-
bit's Foot" or the "Knight of the
Hound's Tooth" or similar European
embellishments.

Yet it is all right for the ordinary
diplomat, when he gets through with
his job, to take his title, and go home
where he can give the ribbon to the
State historical society, or the Na-
tional Museum, or a church fair.

But Mr. Gerard is in no ordinary
situation with respect to a title.
He among some who have achieved
distinction in this war, and among
others who have not yet, but hope
some time to achieve distinction—has
political ambitions. And what can a
man with political ambitions do with
a title?

Wouldn't Win Votes.
To be known as Sir James W. Ger-
ard would not get any more votes
in the Democratic convention than in
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Pope Seeks Armistice, Declares Bonzano

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 25.—"It is the Holy Father's answer to those who
sought to misinterpret and misconstrue his appeal for peace," said Archbishop
Bonzano, apostolic delegate, today regarding the amplifying statement made yester-
day by the Vatican.

"It is an armistice," he added, "to persuade the warring nations to lay down
their arms and cease their fratricidal slaughter, that the Holy Father seeks. Once
they have laid aside the sword, to secure peace through justice and persuasion, they
will never take it up again.

"The Holy Father by this amplifying statement obviously intends disputed
territories to go to that nation which is most acceptable to them, providing their
disposition is not made through force of arms."

CONSCRIPTION OF WEALTH WOULD BE ALL RIGHT IF—

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We Could Be Sure That—



Only the Short Sighted Ones—



Were Soaked Good and Hard.

Another McCutcheon Cartoon In The Sunday Times

PLOT WAS BEHIND MARE ISLE BLAST, DANIELS REPORTS

Secretary Daniels this afternoon
made public the report of the explo-
sion at Mare Island navy yard. Al-
leged refusal of Secretary Daniels and
other officials of the navy to give
out the details of this explosion pro-
voked the recent attack by the Navy
League.

In its report, the board which in-
vestigated the explosion declared it
was not an accident "but was due
to the deliberate act of some person
or persons unknown."

The board, however, was unable to
form an opinion as to the exact
method employed by the man or men
guilty of having destroyed the maga-
zine at the navy yard. All evidence,
says the report, was destroyed in the
explosion.

The board stated in the report that
the only persons seen to enter the
black powder magazine on the morn-
ing of July 9 before the explosion
occurred was Neil C. Damstadt, a
trusted employee. The board said its
investigation completely exonerated
Damstadt and all other employees of
the navy yard.

RESCUED MULES REWARD PERSHING MEN WITH KICKS

By HEYWOOD BROWN.
(Accredited to the Pershing army in France
for The Washington Times.)
(Special Copyrighted Cable.)

CONTROL: AMERICAN, AMERI-
CAN EXPEDITIONARY ARMY, AUGUST
25.—Fire threatened a large
town in the American zone Wednes-
day night, but the American soldiers
managed to keep it confined to a
stable in which a hundred army mules
were quartered.

The soldiers dashed into the burn-
ing building often to drag out the
mules, and they showed their grati-
tude to their rescuers by kicking
them as soon as they could get a
foot free. Two soldiers were in-
jured, one by an unfriendly mule and
another when the roof fell in, but
neither seriously hurt. Seven mules
were burned, or shot when injured.

The blaze in the sky and the sound
of shots created the rumor that an
aerial attack was being made, and
soldiers from miles around turned up
for the show. Bucket brigades and
hand pumps were the only means of
fighting the fire, and the villagers and
French soldiers added to the confu-
sion by encumbering the American

troops with their aid and alien-
tongued advice. The fire was not quelled
until long after midnight.
A squad of American soldiers, mop-
ping up a trench yesterday, almost
mopped up Medill McCormick with a
stray bomb.
The officers had ordered a special
show for the first member of Con-
gress to visit the American army.
The soldiers undertook to show the
visitor the manner in which bombing
parties follow the first wave of an
attack.
They used live bombs in the prac-
tice trench, and the Congressman was
much interested and followed closely
upon the heels of the soldiers. One
bomb, badly thrown, lit at the feet of
McCormick. He had time to retreat
only a few steps before the grenade
exploded, bombarding him with earth
and rocks.
But he escaped uninjured.

They Write for The Times.

LARDNER
His "You Know Me All"
stories have made him
known to all the United
States.

BROWN

One of the few men
accredited to the Pershing
forces in France will have a
story in The Times every
day.

BATHS FAR APART AND SOAP SELDOM IN FRENCH CAPITAL

By RING W. LARDNER.
(Special Copyrighted Cable.)

PARIS, Aug. 25.—For the benefit
of our readers we have, at great trouble
and expense, learned the "regles du
vin" of Paris.

1. Eau chaude is procurable on Sat-
urdays and Sundays, and may be pur-
chased and eaten all the days of the
week but Mondays and Tuesdays.

2. Spirituous and intoxicating
liquors may be purchased between
noon and 2 o'clock and between 6:30
and 9:30 at night.

3. On Fridays between 12 and 12:40
one may use one's handkerchief.

4. Every Monday you may put on
a different necktie provided you get
up before 9 o'clock.

LOVE PIRATE LED SWINDLERS' RING, POLICE BELIEVE

CLEVELAND, Aug. 25.—Federal
agents here are investigating clues
which point to the assumption that
John P. Beckwith, "love pirate," un-
der arrest on fraud charges, is only
one of a group of wholesale swin-
dlers who have systematically wrung
hundreds of thousands of dollars
from women all over the United
States.

Beckwith, locked in a cell here, de-
clares he hates women. That was
his first statement after his arrest.
He refused to discuss whether he
has accomplices in a graft ring.

Federal authorities have re-
cords to show that he has been mar-
ried three times, and assert that
through his strategic attacks on
women's hearts he has dozens more
of them as his devoted slaves.

In his letters Beckwith averred
himself to be "intensely impress-
ionable." As he sat in Assistant District
Attorney Breitenstein's office he
laughed at the ease with which wom-
en could be swindled.

Beckwith, it is said, followed a sys-
tem. He had first, second, and third
form letters, which he carefully

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STEAL PAPERS ON REVENUES FROM OFFICE IN CAPITOL

Treasury Documents Dealing
With Revenues Chief Among
Loot—Thieves Used Jimmy
on One Door, Key on Another.

Important papers have been
stolen from the offices of the Fi-
nance Committee of the Senate.
Some-one broke into the office twice
within the past week.

The facts concerning the robbery
became known at the Capitol this af-
ternoon, but no trace has been found
of the person or persons guilty of it.

Door Jimmied Open.
Last Tuesday night the back door
of the offices of the committee, which
are on the first floor of the Senate
wing of the Capitol, was jimmied open
with a jimmy. Thursday night the
offices were again entered by un-
known persons, who unlocked the
front door with a skeleton key.

The offices, it was discovered, were
looted of a number of documents of
the Treasury Department and of the
committee relating to the war re-
venue bill now pending in the Senate.

At the instance of Senator Cum-
mings, chairman of the committee,
the Capitol police and detectives are
investigating the robbery. So far
they have been unable to find any
clues.

One possibility suggested in regard
to the robbery is that a German spy-
or spies—was on the hunt for in-
formation about War Department and
Navy Department estimates and
thought such information might be
in the hands of the Finance Commit-
tee.

Ultimate Victory "All Doped Out" by German Theorists

Reports received at the State
Department today give rise to the
belief that Germany is plan-
ning for two more years of war,
and on the assumption that the
longer the struggle lasts the bet-
ter her chances of victory.

At the end of two more years,
German scientists are reported to
have figured, the entire world will
face the same food shortage and
general economic situation which
will exist in Germany at that
time. With such a condition pre-
vailing, the German scientists can-
not see anything but victory.

QUICK RESPONSE GREET'S TIMES' "SMOKE" APPEAL

WHAT THE SOLDIER GETS FOR YOUR 25c

- 1 Package of Tuxedo tobacco..... \$100.00
- 4 Books of Tuxedo papers..... 75
- 3 Packages of Bull Durham..... 25
- 2 Books of Bull Durham papers..... 25
- 2 Packages of Lucky Strike cigarettes, 20 cigarettes in each package..... 1.00

Return postal card on which to
thank you for remembering him.

Announcement of the starting of
The Washington Times Tobacco Fund
to purchase smokes for American
soldiers "over there" brought an im-
mediate response.

In addition to The Times' contribu-
tion of \$100, the following were re-
ceived this morning:

- J. L. \$100.00
- George E. Smith, 1116 G St. N.W. 75
- Jacob Donzis, 1724 Pa. av. N.W. 25
- Cham Clark 1.00
- Don A. McDowell, Salsmanca, N. Y. 25.00
- Julius Rosenwald 50.00
- Julius I. Peyser 5.00
- Belle Jenvey Abrams 1.00
- Miss Steele 25
- G. G. 25
- J. H. Wood, 3801 New Hamp- shire av. 50
- A. Joffe, for E. Joffe, quar- termaster's Dept. 1.00
- B. H. Ross 25
- Thomas J. Shea 25
- C. S. Pelly 25
- "Hoosier Dinner Party" 4.00
- Paula A. Schulteis 1.00
- Marguerite C. Harrington 1.00

Cham Clark's contribution was
accompanied by an endorsement of
The Times' action in furnishing com-
fort for the boys.

Gen. Leonard Wood, Gen. Henry P.
McClain, adjutant general of the U.
S. army, and many other distinguish-
ed officers today gave their most
hearty and unqualified indorsement
to The Washington Times Tobacco
Fund. All agreed that nothing com-
forts the soldier or gives him more
pleasure or contentment on the bat-
tlefield or in the trenches than a
good smoke. The officers have spent
years in the field with soldiers and
know the likes and needs of the men.
They can be taken as authorities
when they speak of soldier life.

No Transportation Costs.

Each of the officers commented on
the exceptionally generous arrange-
ment which this newspaper has made
with the American Tobacco Company,
under which the 25-cent pieces con-
tributed to the fund will purchase 45
cents worth of cigarettes and cigar-
ette papers, together with a postal
card on which the soldier receiving
the packet of smokes will mail back
his thanks.

Every donor may be assured that
not one cent of this fund will be
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ALLIES WIN IMPORTANT BATTLES ON 3 FRONTS

French Achieve Further Suc-
cesses at Verdun, in Cham-
pagne, and in the Belgium
Sector—Many Prisoners Are
Taken.

PARIS, Aug. 25.—Further impor-
tant victories were achieved in
France's resumed offensive in the
Verdun sector north of Hill 304 to-
day, the official statement reported.
We carried three German works, the
war office declared. Yesterday 450
unwounded prisoners were taken.

Of the fighting elsewhere the
statement said:

"In Belgium around Bismchoote
artillery fire was violent. At St.
Quentin and Pantheon our troops
successfully carried out raids, taking
prisoners. On the heights in Cham-
pagne artillery was active on both
sides."

AUSTRIANS IN ROUT AS ITALIANS CAPTURE MOUNTAIN FORTRESS

ROME, Aug. 25.—Capture of
Monte Santo by Italian troops and
penetration of the Austrian lines at
several points was announced offi-
cially today. In the various places
where the enemy line has been broken
the Austrians in flight to save
their armies are being closely pur-
sued.

The war office gave the second
Italian army the honor of the victory.

Great Rejoicing at Rome.
News that this force had "broken
through" at several points was hailed
with great rejoicing here. It was
against Monte Santo that one of the
main Italian drives of last April was
directed in the assault on the three
great promontories of Kruck, Vodice,
and Monte Santo.

CANADIANS RESUME STUBBORN ATTACKS ON LENS DEFENSES

LONDON, Aug. 25.—Canadian
troops, firmly in possession of the
Green Crassier, resumed their stub-
born advance against Lens today.

West and south of the coal city the
fighting was one continuous battle of
assaults by the Canadians and counter
attacks by the enemy.

At several points the German coun-
ter attacks forced some slight re-
cessions, but this was more than coun-
ter-balanced by a night victory west
of the metropolis.

There Field Marshal Haig today re-
ported a successful attack, with
slight casualties to us," which "cap-
tured a trench of local importance."

German Attacks Still Strong.
In the Lombardy neighborhood at
night we captured an enemy post,
taking a few prisoners and a machine
gun, the statement continued. Around
Ephey there was considerable artil-
lery early this morning.

Germany's counter attacks not only
around Lens, but northward in the

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